**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. When strikethrough cannot easily be perceived, or when five or fewer characters are deleted, [[double brackets]] are used to show the deletion. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered). Please AMEND claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, and 12.

1. (Currently Amended) A search support device in which an address indicating a location of information accessible on a network is registered, the device comprising:

a search unit that determines a category of an address designated for registration based on a definition entry and a selection record of a menu; and

a registration unit that registers an address in the category,

wherein predetermined search information is registered for each category, <u>said predetermined search information comprising a specific word in a general language, and</u> which predetermined search information is used as a keyword for searching for the address indicating a location of desired information accessible on the network.

2. (Original) The search support device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the registration unit registers the address designated for registration in the category containing the registered address when located at the same level as the address designated for registration.

3. (Currently Amended) A search support method by which an address indicating a location of information accessible on a network, the method comprising the steps of:

determining a category of an address designated for registration based on a definition entry and a selection record of a menu; and

registering an address in the category, wherein predetermined search information is registered for each category, which predetermined search information is used as a keyword for searching for the address indicating a location of desired information accessible on the network<u>,</u> <u>said predetermined search information comprising a specific word in a general language</u>.

4. (Currently Amended) A search support device in which a search process for an address indicating a location of desired information on a network is requested based on search

information associated with the information, the device comprising:

a category menu storage unit that stores a category menu in which predetermined categories are listed up; and

a search information generating unit that generates search information associated with a category selected from the category menu,

wherein predetermined search information is registered for each category, which predetermined search information is used as a keyword for searching for the address indicating a location of desired information accessible on the network, said predetermined search information comprising a specific word in a general language.

5. (Original) The search support device as claimed in claim 4, further comprising:

a display unit that displays an address in another form indicating the location of desired information detected based on the search information generated by the search information generating unit; and

an address registration unit that registers the address in the category menu when the address indicates information that can be accessed.

6. (Original) The search support device as claimed in claim 5, further comprising an address selection unit that selects the address registered in the category menu so as to make an access to the location of the desired information.

7. (Original) The search support device as claimed in claim 5, further comprising an icon conversion unit that visually changes the category in which the address is registered by the address registration unit.

8. (Currently Amended) A search support method by which a search process for an address indicating a location of desired information on a network is requested based on search information associated with the desired information, the method comprising:

storing a category menu in which predetermined categories are listed up; and

generating search information associated with a category selected from the category menu,

wherein predetermined search information is registered for each category, which predetermined search information is used as a keyword for searching for the address indicating a location of desired information accessible on the network, said predetermined search

information comprising a specific word in a general language.

9. (Currently Amended) A recording medium which stores a program for a computer to perform an operation with a search support device that registered an address indicating a location of accessible information on a network, the program comprising:

a procedure for classifying the address in accordance with a category related to information that can be accessed at the address; and

a procedure for registering the address classified in accordance with the category,

wherein predetermined search information is registered for each category, which predetermined search information is used as a keyword for searching for the address indicating a location of desired information accessible on the network, said predetermined search information comprising a specific word in a general language.

10. (Currently Amended) A recording medium which stores a program for a computer to perform an operation with a search support device that requests a search process for an address indicating a location of desired information on a desired network based on search information associated with the desired information, the program comprising:

a procedure for storing a category menu in which predetermined categories are listed up; and

a procedure for generating search information associated with a category selected from the category menu,

wherein predetermined search information is registered for each category, which predetermined search information is used as a keyword for searching for the address indicating a location of desired information accessible on the network, said predetermined search information comprising a specific word in a general language.

11. (Original) The recording medium as claimed in claim 10, wherein the program further includes a procedure for generating the category menu.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for searching for an address of desired information on a network based on search information associated with the desired information, the method comprising:

registering predetermined search information used as a keyword for searching for the address of the desired information on the network for each of a plurality of categories into which

information is classified; and

searching for the address of the desired information based on the registered predetermined search information when a category is selected,

wherein said predetermined search information comprises a specific word in a general language.